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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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What's New in Lexington County

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— FROM THE DIRECTOR —

Industrial Parks Illustrate Economic Development Opportunity in Lexington County

Here in Lexington County, we have the best of two trends. Our local economy is anchored by companies large and small that continue to thrive, while we continue to develop the infrastructure to accommodate current and future growth.

Lexington County Economic Development's three industrial parks illustrate that point very well. I'd like to focus my message to you this month on what's happening with each of these dynamic locations.

Saxe Gotha Industrial Park

Our largest property, with 714 acres near the intersection of I-77 and I-26, already has two very prominent and successful occupants, Amazon and

Nephron Pharmaceuticals, which together have grown in the past 10 years to occupy over two million square feet under roof and employ more than 4,000 people.

Designated as a Palmetto Site by the SC Department of Commerce, work is underway in the park on two new building pads — one for the 38-acre Parcel 11 of +/- 270,400 square feet and the other for the 67-acre Lot 3 of +/- 980,000 square feet. Meanwhile, construction is expected to start in 2023 on extensive improvements on Exit 119 on I-26, providing critical new access that will help ensure this large park continues to thrive as a host for advanced manufacturing, logistics, and life sciences operations.

Batesburg-Leesville Industrial Park

A headline for the 189-acre Batesburg-Leesville Industrial Park is the anticipated April 2023 completion of the widening to four lanes of that stretch of Augusta Highway (U.S. 1) now underway. Also a designated Palmetto Site, the park already has seen significant infrastructure upgrades and we've applied for a Product Development Grant through the SC Department of Commerce to prepare a 24-acre site (Parcel 1) on the property to accommodate up to a 382,000-square-foot facility.

This project, and the improved highway access, will add to this park's appeal for new construction materials, metals and fabrication, and large industrial operations. Batesburg-Leesville Industrial Park already is home to Fisher Tank, C.R. Jackson and Capital Concrete, and we look forward to more companies committing to that location soon.

Chapin Business & Technology Park at Brighton

Drivers can see the Chapin Business & Technology Park at Brighton as they pass by on Interstate 26. The 220-acre park will prove to be an ideal location for new advanced manufacturing, financial and information technology, and office operations as it begins to build out soon.

Currently, major highway work is ongoing near our Chapin Park, including planning for an overpass and interchange work at Exit 91 that will be part of the extensive widening project underway on that stretch of the interstate.

In summary, I'm delighted to be able to report such significant progress underway in and around each of these industrial parks. They're a major piece of the economic development pie here in Lexington County and we look forward to sharing more good news about them in the months and years ahead.

Sincerely,



Sarah J. Johnson
Director, Department of Economic Development

— INTRODUCING —

Please welcome to our team:



Brittnay Deeri



Marilee Brett

Brittney Pecori
Economic Development Manager

Marilyn Pratt
Administrative Assistant

— ANNOUNCEMENT NEWS —



\$7 MILLION INVESTMENT TO CREATE 35 NEW JOBS

[Sorinex Exercise Equipment, Inc.](#), a family-owned strength training equipment company, today announced plans to expand operations in Lexington County. The company's \$7 million investment will create 35 new jobs.

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\$21 MILLION INVESTMENT TO CREATE 23 NEW JOBS

[Schattdecor](#), an international, family-owned décor printing company, today announced plans to expand operations in Lexington County. The company's \$21 million investment will create 23 new jobs over the next five years.

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— ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SNAPSHOT —

23

ACTIVE PROJECTS

\$2.391 BILLION

NEW INVESTMENT POTENTIAL

6,796

NEW JOB CREATION POTENTIAL

147,544

JOBS

May 2022 employment for Lexington County is an increase of 6,026 jobs since December 2020.

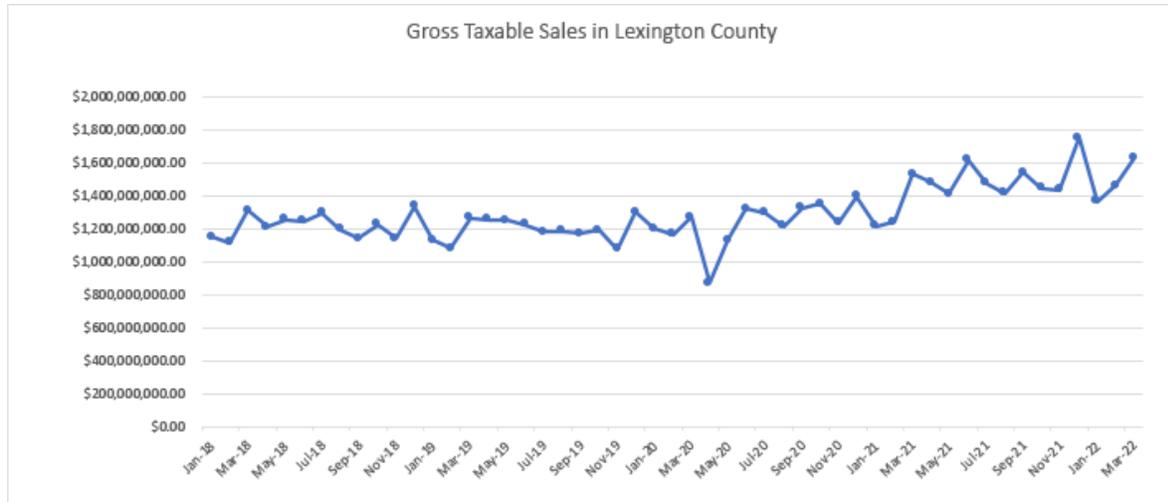
2.5%

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Lexington County's rate in May 2022 is lower than S.C. (3.1%) and the U.S. (3.6%).

Source: S.C. Department of Employment & Workforce & US Bureau of Labor Statistics

Gross Taxable Sales Peaking in December 2021 and Staying Strong through March 2022



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